

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are presented in accordance with a suggestion in the Advisory Action, mailed May 12, 2004, to place the present application in a condition for allowance.

As stated in the Advisory Action, mailed May 12, 2004, applicants' Amendment, filed May 3, 2004, was not entered. The following is also stated:

If applicants were to rewrite claim 4 in independent form as suggested in the last Office Action instead of making it dependent upon claim 3 then resubmit the amendment with all else the same then issues of further consideration and new matter would not longer be present.

On page 9 of the Official Action, mailed February 3, 2004, it is stated that claims 3-4, 11 and 15-19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 3 and 4 have been rewritten independent form and claims 11 and 15-19 have been made dependent from claims 3 or 4.

Accordingly, claims 3-4, 11 and 15-19 are allowable, the rejections on pages 2-9 of the Official Action have been rendered moot, and these rejections should be withdrawn.

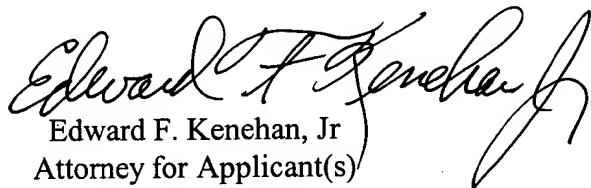
Allowance is requested.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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